Religion Study Guide

Chapters 1 and 2

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Chapter 1

* Key Terms
  + Blessed Trinity
  + Jesus’ mission
  + Kingdom of God
  + Apostles
  + Church
* Jesus is the Son of God (p20-21)
  + John the Baptist – baptized Jesus in the Jordan river and the Holy Spirit came down and a voice said “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased”
  + Jesus’ Ministry – Jesus is the Son of God, the second person in the Blessed Trinity, after his baptism he returned to Nazareth to begin his ministry to bring people closer to God his Father
* Jesus shows us God’s Love (p22-23)
  + Jesus brought people closer to God the Father
    - Taught about the love of God his Father and encouraged all people to have faith
    - Accepted all people and welcomed them into his life
    - Fed the hungry and shared meals with people whom others ignored
    - Forgave the sins of those who were truly sorry
    - Healed those who were sick
  + Through the gospels we learn Jesus traveled from town to town and cared about them
* Jesus invited people to follow him (p24-25)
  + People who followed Jesus became his disciples
  + His mission was to share the life of God with all people and to save them from sin
  + Jesus told parables, or short stories about everyday life to describe the Kingdom of God
* Jesus’ disciples continue his work (p26-27)
  + Jesus chose 12 to be his Apostles
  + Apostles would continue the work of Jesus when he returned to God his Father
  + The Holy Spirit would come to them
  + After Pentecost they went to share the Good News of Jesus which was the beginning of the Church
  + The Kingdom of God grows when we
    - Have faith in Jesus and share our Belief
    - Live as Jesus did and follow God’s will for us
    - Seek to build a better community, a more just nation, and a peaceful world

Chapter 2

* Key Terms
  + Evangelization
  + Liturgy
  + Paschal Mystery
  + Last Judgment
  + Corporal Works of Mercy
  + Spiritual Works of Mercy
* We are joined to Jesus Christ and to one another (p32-33)
  + Jesus is the vine and his Father was the vine grower, we are the branches
  + Good News of Christ that we will share
    - God loves and cares for all people because we are created in his image and likeness
    - God so loved the world that he sent his only Son to show us how to live and to save us from sin
    - Jesus shares the very life of God with us and gives us the hope of life forever with God
    - All people are invited to believe in Jesus and be baptized in the faith of the Church
  + As members of the Church we share the Good News and work for justice and peace in the world and the Kingdom grows
* We proclaim the Good News of Christ by what we say and do (p34-35)
  + We share in the mission of the Church to proclaim the God News of Christ by what we say and do
  + Sharing what we believe
    - Tell of the wonderful things Christ has done and how he has changed the world
    - We also share through the use of personal and public prayer
    - The liturgy is the official public prayer of the Church
  + Learning about our faith
    - Tell what it means to be a disciple of Jesus
    - Teach the history and beliefs of the Church
  + Giving witness to Christ
    - We give witness when we speak and act based upon the Good News, follow Jesus’ example by loving God and others, when we work for justice and peace
* In the liturgy we celebrate Christ’s Pascal Mystery (p36-37)
  + We gather to praise and worship God: the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and celebrate Christ’s suffering, Death, and Resurrection from the dead, Ascension into Heaven
  + In the Paschal Mystery Jesus saves us from sin and gives us new life
  + The liturgy includes the celebration of the Eucharist (Mass)
  + Liturgy of the Hours is prayed at different times through the day and we celebrate God’s work in creation in our lives
  + We call the Church the Body of Christ, Temple of the Holy Sprit because they are united with Christ at the head
* When we serve others we give witness to Christ (p38-39)
  + Jesus cared for the needs of others
  + When we care for others we are serving Jesus
  + Give witness to Jesus when we perform the Works of Mercy – acts of love that help us care for the needs of others
    - Corporal Works of Mercy – physical and material needs
    - Spiritual Works of Mercy – needs of people’s hearts, minds, and souls